

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects group I, drawn to an active charcoal, including original claims 1-7 and new claims 14-21.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement, however on the grounds that in all of the groups I, II, III and IV, an express special technical feature resides in the nature of the active charcoal. It is further seen that all the claims are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1.

As to the cited Pagotto et al. reference U.S. 5,192,735 it is noted that the essence of this patent is a chromium VI - containing activated carbon. In contrast, the activated carbons of the present invention are not seen to contemplate the presence of chromium VI.

Newly Added Claims

Newly added claims 14-21 are directed to preferred values in original claims 1-4. New claim 22, on the other hand is a product by process claim dependent on claim 8.

It is also seen that the claims are amended in order to satisfy 35 U.S.C. 112 by the elimination of clauses beginning with "preferably" and the like.

In view of this response to the restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw same and to act on all the claims at issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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